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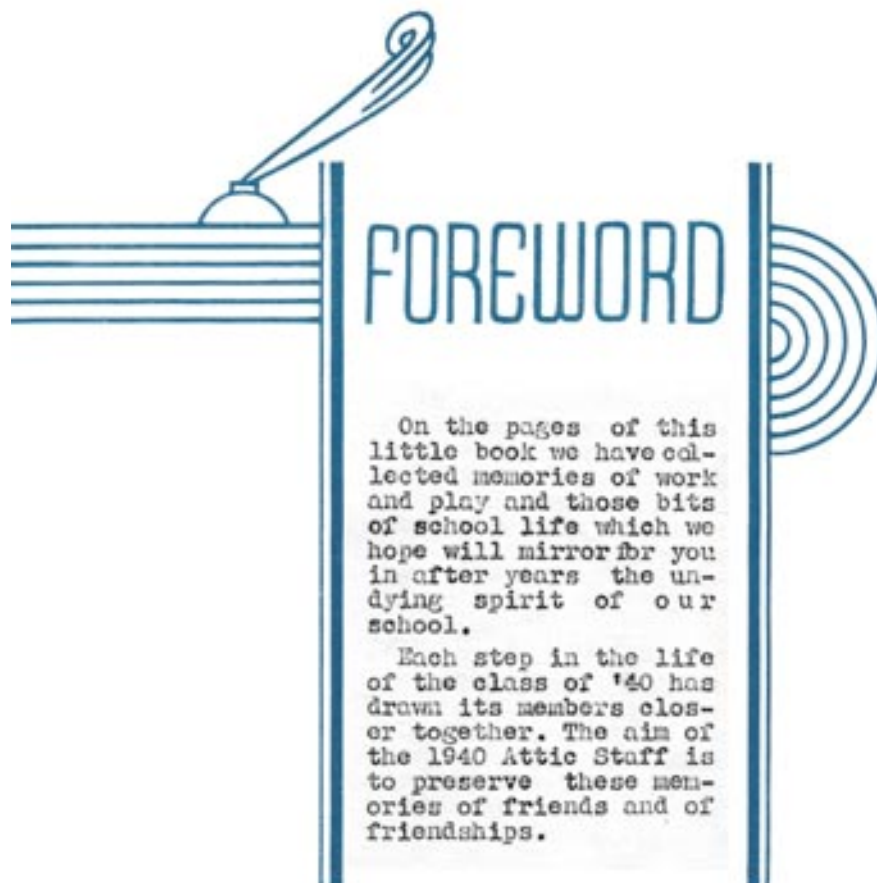
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On the pages of this little book we have collected memories of work and play and those bits of school life which we hope will mirror for you in after years the undying spirit of our school.

Each step in the life of the class of '40 has drawn its members closer together. The aim of the 1940 Attic Staff is to preserve these memories of friends and of friendships.

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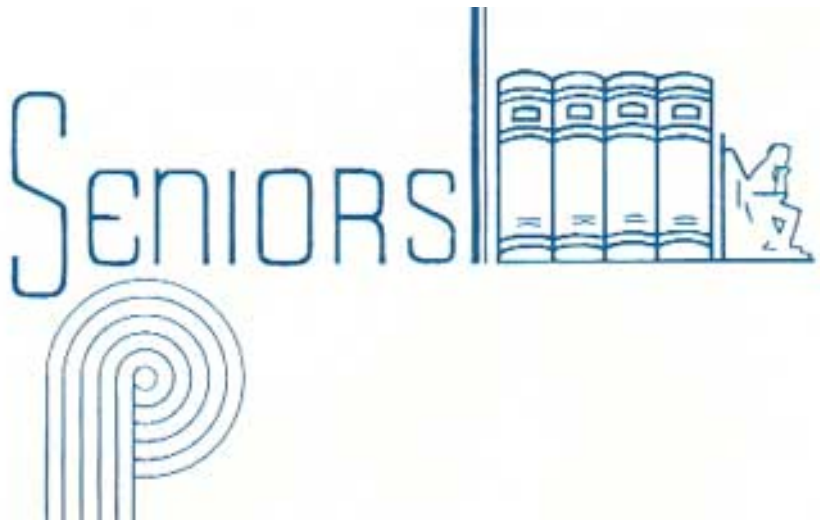
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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Sponsor	Miss Opal Germany
President	Wilburn Reynolds
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Program Committee:	Earl Ridout
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	Polly Reynolds
	Jack Ross

Motto, "Today we follow, tomorrow we lead".

Colors - Blue and Gold

Flower - Rose



SPONSOR

Al Duncan
Miss Opel Germany
Elliot Carter



Maxinee Nelson
Wilburn Reynolds
Earline Ridout



Chub Winstead
Gladys Nelson
Leonard Duncan



Juanita Knight
Earl Ridout
Virginia Hitt



Teddy Winstead
Imogene Dolles
Wallace Joyner



Adrian Winstead
Jack Ross
Mazelle Joyner



Dent Truette
Polly Reynolds
Maurice Pierce



Imogene Killen
Speck Fancher
Annie Sharp

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

EPOCH I. In September of 1936-37 there landed up on the shores of the temple of learning, a goodly number of explorers and seekers after wisdom. Being shaken in spirit from their rough voyage upon the sea of inexperience, they were quite terrified by the three tribes already inhabiting their realm. They were the Sophs, Juniors and Seniors. The members of the new band were called freshmen. They were fifty-three in number, and for the purpose of protection and advancement they organized and elected as president of the class Jack Davis. The chief ruler, a kindly disposed man by name, Mr. Tigrett, and his governing principal, Mr. Lewis, soon became of much assistance in guiding the freshmen and supplying them with provisions for the mind. So we closed the first epoch.

EPOCH II. At the beginning of the second epoch, the freshmen advanced and took possession of the strongholds of the Sophs. The number was decreased to forty-four and the Sophs, eager for revenge for their afflictions of previous year, did annoy the settlers of the freshmen colony. To protect their interests and lead them to greater achievement the Sophs elected J. K. Henley to become class president. So steadily the Sophs grew in favor of several members of the faculty and often murmurings were heard because of the heavy tax imposed on their minds by the length of lessons, but they were settled by peaceful arbitration. So drew to an end the second epoch.

EPOCH III. With the beginnings of the third epoch several changes were noted. The valiant band who had entered as freshmen and conquered the lessons of the Sophs now advanced against and occupied the territory of the Juniors. To preside over them, they elected Gladys Nelson who did walk wisely before them. The number had decreased to thirty-two. Important faculty ruens of this period were Miss Hardy and Mr. Rhodes, who were skillful generals in the contest with ignorance. Among the warriors on the athletic fields were Chub Winstead, Dent Truhett, Speck Fancher, and Carlton Lavender. Important social events of this period were the banquets and tournaments. Thus did draw to a close the third epoch.

EPOCH IV. Epoch IV was marked by important reconstructions for the humble band who had invaded the freshmen trenches three years before now became Seniors, the mighty leaders of the realm and the invincible class of 1940. The wise and sagacious 'Doc' Reynolds was elected president. The Seniors, 23 in number, did greatly impress themselves on the lower tribes of the Temple of Learning and became much noted for their ability and diligence. Especially did they endear themselves to the faculty who gave much effort to fitting them for the great contest of Graduation.

Thus doth close the forth epoch and with their motto: "Today we follow - Tomorrow we lead", emblazoned upon their shields, the Senior Class of 1940 goes forth to invade and conquer new territories.

- Virginia Hitt

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1940, of House High School, Neshoba County, state of Mississippi, with mental ability to do so, do hereby make our last will and testament as follows:

To our parents and teachers we give our appreciation and gratitude for the sacrifices they have made in preparing us for future life's battles.

To our successors, the Juniors, we give the right to work and pass all exams and stand as victors where we are today, also our good times, and our friendship and loyalty.

To the Sophomores we will our various ways of handling the teachers.

To the Freshmen we leave the opportunity to attain the heights we now hold and may they do as we say do--not exactly as we have done.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Each of the members of the class make these personal gifts:

Wilburn Reynolds' political aspirations, Mazelle Joyner's inviting looks, Gladys Nelson's ability to study, Wilbur Winstead's bass voice and innocent look when caught in mischief, Maxinee Nelson's attractiveness, Juanita Knight's happy disposition, Sterling Fancher's love of sports. Denton Truhett's luck in getting high grades, Leonard Duncan's unconcerned look, Annie Sharp's spenster musings, Virginia Hitt's studious nature, Maurice Pierce's flashing grin, Earline Ridout's rouge and lipstick, Pauline Reynold's smile and sweet expression. Imogene Dallas' simplicity, Wallace Joyner's power for argumentation, Elliot Carter's oratory way of reading, Myrlene Winstead's athletic talent. Earl Ridout's reputation as school dude, Jack Ross' acting ability, Al Duncan's "don't care" way, Imogene Killen's friendliness, Teddy Winstead's cute hair waves.

Having much trust in her honesty and integrity, we appoint Miss Opal Germany as our executress.

Signed and sealed by the Senior Class of 1940.

CLASS PROPHECY

The air was soft, and sweet, and summery. I lay in my hammock lazily reading some verses from Longfellow; and then I thought of the class of 1940, the boys and girls I had been intimately associated with during the past four years. What, I wondered, did fate have in store for them? And almost in answer to my question, I seemed to have drifted into another world and I found myself gazing into a crystal globe with views of the class of 1940 ten years hence passing rapidly before me.

I gazed in wonder and amazement at the beauty I saw before me. I thought I had never seen lovelier visions or heard sweeter music. There was a stage of the Metropolitan Opera House and the music I had been listening to was produced by none other than our own Imogene Dallas. Imagine my further surprise when I was told that the stage scenery had been planned by another classmate, Teddy Winstead.

The scene changed, I looked in to the Yankee Stadium where two million people had gathered to see one of the greatest fights of the time and there in one corner of the ring sat Sterling Fancher.

The picture faded and instantly I was in Mrs. Vanderbilt's ball room watching the crowd that drifted to the soft sweet strains of "What Can I Say, When I Say I'm Sorry". I recognized Earl Ridout, who was one of the great financiers of the time, and by his side was Juanita Knight. I also recognized Imogene Killen and Annie Sharp who had won fame and fortune in "Little Ole New York".

The views appeared rapidly and immediately I was in Atlantic City at the annual Beauty Contest gazing in wonder at "Miss America", no other than the charming Polly Reynolds.

Motion! Eternal motion, that globe! Now I find myself in the wilds of Africa gazing on an engineer sweating and working, yet smiling through all the drudgery of laying a railroad from the famous Donald Diamond Mine to the Coast. This engineer is dear curly-headed Elliot Carter, who has charge of the construction of this railroad for his friend, Maurice Pierce.

The scene shifted again. I was at M. S. C. W. observing an English class. The teacher, I thought, looked like someone I used to know. She was an old friend, Gladys Nelson. Immediately we were discussing our old classmates. Jack has the chair of mathematics at Ole Miss. Myrlene Winstead, I learned, held absolute sway in a "one teachers" school in Neshoba County. Virginia Hitt it seems is a famous movie actress. Earline Ridout and Maxinee Nelson have become rulers of the world, according to the lines which say, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." They seem to be happily married and well supported.

Doc Reynolds is a worthy doctor. He is an allopath, and while it is said that all paths lead to the grave, I want to tell you that Doc doesn't lead them there very often. Denton Truhett is a railway director; Leanord Duncan is a noted inventor--he got out a good car that is a little cheaper than the Ford and he is doing a good job; Mazell Joyner is an architect; Al Duncan is a landscape gardener; Wallace J. is in the Insane Asylum--he has charge of it; Chub Winstead is the thief of the class--he stole an office from his opponent, stole a march on the voters, and got into the legislature--now he's in Congress and no telling he may be President.

Bang! I heard the crystal globe crash, and the vision was gone.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Sponsor	Mrs. G. L. Palmer
President	Pat Crawford
Vice President	Odell Killen
Secrt. & Treas.	Hildred Smith
Reporter	Bonnie D. Weatherford

Motto, "With the ropes of the present,
we ring the bells of the future".

Colors - Pink and Blue



Buddy Joyner

Mrs. G. L. Palmer

Pat Crawford



Lorice Sharp

Oree Nelson

Dorothy Skinner



R. J. Winstead

Ersell Hodges

Odell Killen



Hildred Smith

Raymond Edwards

Bonnie D. Weatherford



Carlton Lavender

Willie Mae Peebles

JUNIOR CLASS 1940

Let us look back for a brief time and summarize our past school experiences--Eleven years ago most of us enrolled as beginners. Even then, we began with much anxiety and looked forward to the next year in passing from grade to grade. Very early in our school career we learned that our teachers were considerate and more than willing to help us at all times. This strengthened our faith in ourselves and the desire to climb higher on the ladder leading to graduation.

In a few years we finished grammar school and with quite a bit of anxiety mingled with a little dread, of the work to follow, we entered high school. Playing the role of meek freshmen, the year passed with our sharing the school activities more than ever. As the year ended, our meekness gradually faded into sophistication.

We filled the role as sophomores to the satisfaction of our instructors; thus we became the "jolly Juniors".

The Junior Class, although few in number, has high ambitions and great aims for the future, and although we are just one of the four high school classes this year, we are looking forward to next year when we will be the leading class, The Seniors.

Highlights of the year were reached when we had our Junior-Senior Banquet. It was an eventful day for all of us and we hope the Seniors enjoyed it as much as we did. Another crowning event was the junior play, which was undoubtedly a "hit of the season". We must not forget to mention the Halloween party and the F. F. A. and Home Ec. party which we all enjoyed so much.



CLASS OFFICERS

Sponsor	Mrs. J. K. Upchurch
President	Ray Richardson
Vice President	Jack Deweese
Secrt. & Treas.	Mavis Slaton
Reporter	Rubina Strum

Motto, "They can who think they can".
Colors - Blue and White

CLASS ROLL

Edna Earl Smith	Lillian Warren
Virginia Fancher	Winnie Pierce
Maudine Sharp	Audie Sharp
Myrtle Culberson	Cleo Savell
Mildred Truhette	Louise Williamson
Flora Ward	Ima Jewel Hardy
Harston Harrington	Waddel Winstead
Hubert Reynolds	C. W. Jayroe
Paschal Posey	Pat Duncan
Lee Sharp	Ardell Wilkerson



Lillian Warren

Jowell Hardy

Hubert Reynolds

Myrtle Culberson

Rubinia Stum

Flora Ward

Heriston Herrington

Louise Williamson

Maurine Sharp

Edna Earl Smith

Mavis Slayton

Audie Sharp

Waddell Winstead

Cleo Savell

Mildred Truhett

Winnie Pierce



CLASS OFFICERS

Sponsor	Mrs. Arnold Nelson
President	Norman Posey
Vice President	Leon Posey
Secrt. & Treas.	Lillian Joyner
Reporter	Justina Strum

Motto, "There is always room at the top, keep climbing".

Colors - Maroon and White

CLASS ROLL

Lettie Breland	Paul Dee Dallas
Willene Barrett	Albert Elliot
Laura Bounds	Horace Hardy
Rudolph Carter	Carlie Hardy
Pauline Dallas	James Herrington
Alta Kate Elliot	Allen Herrington
Mady Hardy	Edgar Ray Killen
Eunice Mae Hinson	Wallace Miller
Audrey Mae Hodge	W. M. Mowdy
Lillian Joyner	Albert Petty
Eddie Lee Johnson	Leon Posey
Edna Earl McGowen	Norman Posey
Nannie Mae Rivers	Clive Posey
Justina Strum	Fred Ridout
Marguerite Truhette	Grady Russell
Jennie J. Wells	John Savell
Wilmer Winstead	Leon Warren
Winona Wilkerson	James Walters
Lora Belle Winstead	Elmo Winstead
Johnnie Rigdon	O. C. Breland
Pearline Branning	Herman Williamson



Top row, left to right: Alta Kate Elliot, Wallace Miller, Audrey Mae Hodges, Norman Posey, Nannie Mae Rivers, Alvin Winstead, and Medie Hardy.

Second row: Leon Posey, Pauline Dallas, Albert Petty, Zeta Kate Hardy, Fred Ridout, Eunice Hisow, and Rudolph Carter.

Third row: Laura Bounds, Red Mowdy, Marguerite Truett, Edgar Ray Killen, Edna Earl McGovern, Elmo Winstead, and Eddie Lee Johnson.

Fourth row: Grafty Russell, Wilma Winstead, Willie Barrett, Lettie Breland, Albert Elliot, Johnnie J. Wells, and Paul Dee Dallas.

Fifth row: Winona Wilkerson, Herman Williamson, Lillian Joyner, O.C. Breland, Lula Bell Winstead, Pascal Posey, and Justin Strum.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

House boys began the '39-40 season with 4 varsity men brought over from the previous season and an additional all-star man, Edwards, who came into the district this year. The House-Cats regulars of this season were as follows: Lavender and Fancher forwards, Edwards at center, with Truhett and Winstead holding the post as guard.

House boys have an excellent record in sportsmanship, as well as ability to score from all angles, by not having a man disqualified for roughness or too many fouls.

The Kats opened the season with an over-whelming victory over Dixon, and then went on to win 12 games in succession; but bowed to the strong Linwood team in "unlucky 13".

They came out on the top in the Neshoba County tournament, being the first to win in this event as it made its appearance his season. The entire group played a brand of ball which was second to none and placed Edwards on the all-star squad.

The Kats outclassed Linwood in all forms in the finals to get revenge for a defeat they suffered earlier in the season.

House entered the sub-regional ceded on number one spot, but were upset in the opening game by a score of 23 to 21 to end a very successful season with 19 wins out of 21 starts.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Visitors	(S)	House	(S)	Visitors	(S)	House	(S)
Dixon	20	"	29	Bloomo	12	"	19
Bond	20	"	32	S. Pool	19	"	22
Lynville	10	"	29	Linwood	32	"	30
Central	20	"	29	Arlington	25	"	33
Cleveland	13	"	33	Shady G.	25	"	28
Forest D.	18	"	26	Linwood	21	"	29
Bond	7	"	32	Forest D.	15	"	21
Coldwater	23	"	31	Longino	20	"	53
County L.	8	"	23	Martin	26	"	31
Dixon	26	"	40	Quitman	34	"	47
				Stratton	23	"	21

GIRLS' SPORTS

House girls began practicing early in the year with Mr. Robinson as coach. Faced with a goodly number of losses through graduation last year, a great deal of experimenting and tryouts had to be done in order to work out a combination for a team. All the girls worked hard, however, and were off to a fair start.

The first few games brought them down in defeat, but they were not discouraged. They stayed in there and kept scratching just a bit harder each time they played.

Forestdale probably gave them the biggest licking they got during the season, but they had nothing to brag about at that, for seriously, they really had to fight.

The team is to be complimented, even if they did lose in the majority of games played, for they were good sports and were always in there scratching for every score.

--Sports Editor

ACTIVITIES

4-H Club

OFFICERS

President	Imogene Killen
Vice President	Juanita Knight
Secretary	Virginia Hitt
Reporter	Pauline Reynolds

GROUP CAPTAINS

Garden & Can.	Mildred Truhette
Home Imp.	Mazell Joyner
Poultry	Bonnie D Weatherford
Foods	Justina Strum

MEMBERS

Lora Bell Winstead	Willie Mae Peoples	Wilma R. Gordon
Myrlene Winstead	Wilma Winstead	Johnie Wells
Pauline Reynolds	Maxine Dallas	Pauline Dallas
Milbur Winstead	Louise Williamson	Lilian Warren
Flora Ward	Dorothy Skinner	Elenor Savell
Maxinee Nelson	Olga Lavender	Clara Killen
Eunice Mae Hisaw	Zita Kate hardy	Virginia Fancher
Lorene Davis	Winfred Dallas	Mittie Breland
Mazelle Breland	Hildred Smith	Dorothy Savell
Earline Ridout	Gladys Nelson	Dorothy Killen
Lillian Joyner	Nina Herrington	Mady Hardy
Alta Kate Elliott	Ruth Davis	Imogene Dallas
Lettie Breland	Virginia Wilkerson	

The House 4-H Club members met October 3, 1939, with Miss Celia South for the purpose of organizing. The house was called to order and the following program was given:

1. Group singing
2. Talk by Miss South
3. Election of officers
4. Song

The club has had a very successful year, and I am sure that it has been beneficial to each member. Practically all projects are already under way, and it is hoped that each member will do the required work during vacation.

THE 1940 ATTIC STAFF

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Athletic Editor	Wilbur Winstead
Activity Editor	Mazelle Joyner
Sponsor	Supt. V. T. Hawkins

The Senior Class of 1940 has undertaken to edit the first volume of the "Attic". Since this is the first volume, everyone seems to be taking ever so much interest in it.

The staff, composed of capable young girls and boys, has worked hard to make this first edition as complete a record as possible of House High School for the year of 1939-40.

It is the hope of this staff that the "Attic" will be continued in future years and will become one of House High School's finest traditions.

--Editor

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

OFFICERS

President	Wilburn Reynolds
Vice President	Pat Crawford
Secretary	Jack Ross
Treasurer	Earl Ridout
Reporter	Odell Killen

ROLL CALL

Wallace Joyner	Al Duncan	Leonard Duncan
Maurice Pierce	Denton Truett	Teddy Winstead
Carleton Lavender	Carley Hardy	Rudolph Carter
R. D. Killen	Norman Posey	Leon Posey
W. M. Mowdy	James Kirby	John Savelle
Clive Posey	Willie Baret	Horace Hardy
Edgar Ray Killen	Wallace Miller	Elmo Winstead
Cecil Killen	O. C. Breland	James Walters
Leon Warren	Fred Ridout	Albert Petty
James Herrington	Grady Russel	Myles Herrington
Allen Herrington	Pauldee Dallas	Albert Elliot
Harston Herrington	Ardell Wilkerson	Lee Sharp
Pascal Posey	Hubert Reynolds	C. W. Jonce
Oree Nelson	Ray Richardson	Buddy Joyner
Waddel Winstead	Pat Duncan	R. J. Winstead

The local F.F.A. Chapter received it's charter on the 3rd day of October 1939. Since that time it has been continually active. At present the group has cooperatively established an orchard consisting of one acre. The chief aims of the organization are: to aid in the development of rural leaders; to assist the members in becoming independent farmers; to give farmer boys, in Vocational Agriculture, an organization of their own; to encourage and promote thrift; to develop an independence, thought and action.

Requirements of membership are: to be regularly enrolled in Vocational Agricultural courses; to pay state and national dues; to be interested in and participage in activities of the club; to have a complete individual training program set up.

This chapter has completed in several contests including, Ritual and Creed contests held at Arlington School Oct. 24, 1939, winning first place;-- Parliamentary Procedure contest haeld at Porterville School Nov. 28, 1939, winning 4th place; the club has attended State Fair winning 3rd place in the parade for which they received a \$10.00 check.

CHRONOLOGICAL CALENDAR

Sept. 1	1939, school opens.
Sept. 25	Seniors order rings.
Sept. 25	Supt. Hawkins calls entire school roll.
Oct. 31	Senior Class meets Virginia Hitts "New Boy Friend" Seniors have unpleasant job persuading Chub that he needs shaving.
Dec. 1	Maxinee caught making eyes at a Cleveland boy
Dec. 2	Gladys meets new boy friend, Mazelle meets a regular boy friend.
Dec. 14	Juanita thought she liked blind dates but of a sudden, she changes her mind.
Dec. 20.	Judgement Day! Mid-Term examinations.
Dec. 22	School turns out for Christmas Holidays.
Jan. 1	Classifications for second semester's work.
Jan. 2	Miss Gamblin has company, Mr. Orlan Palmer!
Jan. 3	Mr. Pippins takes Pictures for the "Attic"
Jan. 4	A debate on "Resolved That Our Income Should be Limited to One Million Dollars Per Person", Doc Reynolds main speaker.
Jan. 5	Mr. Hawkins' team plays Bethsadia. Chemistry students give themselves a test!
Jan. 17	Everyone on the run--snap-shots being taken for the "Attic"
Jan. 22	Miss Eakes falls down steps--gives F.F.A.'s a job.
Feb. 16	Mrs. Upchurch and Home Ec. delegates go to M. S. C. W.
Feb. 17	Boys and girls defeated in first game at the sub-regional tournament at Decatur.
March 1	Freshmen play "Hulablou" sponsored by coach Nelson.
March 6	Juanita, Maxinee, and Polly stay at store too long--results, campused.
March 18	Oree and Carlton plow up campus (penalty for cutting class)
March 18	Chub switches Nelson girlies.
March 29	Senior Play--score big hit.
Apr. 19	Graduation FINIS--The End



THE IDEAL TEACHER WOULD HAVE

The eyes of Mrs. J. K. Upchurch
The smile of Miss Eakes
The wit of Mr. Hawkins
The disposition of Miss Germany
The voice of Mr. Nelson
The gentleness of Mrs. Susie Nelson
The informality of Mr. Palmer
The naturalness of Miss Gamblin
The kindness of Mr. Gordon
The hair of Mr. Robinson
The figure of Mrs. V. T. Hawkins
The complexion of Mrs. Arnold
Nelson

THE PERFECT SENIOR GIRL WOULD HAVE

Personality of Imogene Killen
Eyes of Pauline Reynolds
Hair of Maxinee Nelson
Figure of Imogene Dallas
Kindness of Annie Sharp
Teeth of Myrlene Winstead
Clothes of Mazelle joyner
Smile of Juanita Knight
Complexion of Earline Ridout
Knowledge of Gladys Nelson
Friendliness of Virginia Hitt

THE PERFECT SENIOR BOY WOULD HAVE

Hair like Wilbur Winstead
Personality like Wilburn Reynolds
Wit of Leonard Duncan
Eyes of Sterling Fancher
Smile of Denton Truhett
Walk of Teddy Winstead
Politeness of Maurice Pierce
Knowledge of Jack Ross
Clothes of Earl Ridout
Teeth of Al Duncan
Gentleness of Wallace Joyner

